North Attleboro

National Fish Hatchery

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Purpose

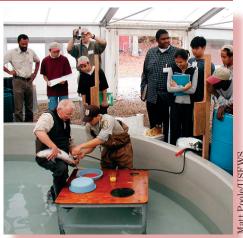
The North Attleboro National Fish Hatchery was established for the purpose of rearing fish for the New England states.

Public Use Notes

- Hatchery tours
- Salmon spawning demonstrations
- Self-guided nature trail
- Wildlife viewing
- Annual fishing derby for youths
- Adopt-a-Salmon Program
- Annual Heritage Day Program (North Attleboro Middle School)
- Two informational Web sites: http://www.fws.gov/r5cneafp http://www.fws.gov/r5crc

Management Activities

- Evaluate and utilize best available and/or innovative fish culture techniques to support Atlantic salmon restoration programs in the Merrimack, Connecticut and Pawcatuck rivers in cooperation with other state and government agencies
- Recondition wild Atlantic salmon from the Connecticut and Merrimack river programs for continued production of genetically significant eggs to meet production goals of strategic restoration plans
- Cooperate with anglers, schools, visitors, state, federal and nongovernment agencies to build support for and promote fishery education and stewardship.



Spawning demonstration

Highlights

Support all Atlantic salmon restoration programs in southern New England.

Sea-run adults from the Merrimack and Connecticut rivers are reconditioned for continued egg production for 2 to 4 years. These wild females produce over one million eggs annually.

Construction began on a new office building with visitor contact area to better serve the Service, partners and public.

Entered into an agreement with the town of North Attleboro for a water and sewer easement that will protect natural resources and provide sewer connections to five hatchery buildings.

Issues

Restore Atlantic salmon and enhance anadromous fish populations in the Merrimack, Connecticut and Pawcatuck rivers.

Maintain a healthy stock of sea-run Atlantic salmon for producing highquality Atlantic salmon eggs and fry.

Planning for tomorrow's challenges while meeting today's diversified fishery conservation needs.

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